



Second Announcement

3rd General Meeting of the

Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO)

Solo/Surakarta, Indonesia (Bengawan Solo River Basin), 20-22 February 2008

Hosted¹ by the Bengawan Solo River Basin Organization

Please block your calendar now to join the 3rd NARBO General Meeting in Solo/Surakarta, Indonesia on 20-22 February 2008. We look forward to meet you again and share experience in implementing integrated water resources management in river basins.

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II. Background

The Network of Asian River Basin Organizations (NARBO), announced at the 3rd World Water Forum in March 2003, was officially established in February 2004 in Indonesia to promote and achieve integrated water resources management (IWRM) in river basins in the Asia monsoon region. NARBO activities focus on:

- Advocacy and raising awareness for IWRM among river basin organizations (RBOs), water sector apex bodies, and leading water sector agencies in the region, mainly through regional workshops.
- Sharing of information, good practices, and lessons learned for IWRM among the participating organizations, mainly by operating databases and a website for IWRM exchanging information, and by sending a newsletter by web site and holding (sub) regional workshops.
- Supporting NARBO members to improve water governance, including the enabling policy, institutional, and legal framework for IWRM, and the formulation of the action plans.
- Building capacity of RBOs in implementing IWRM, mainly through staff exchange and training among participating organizations.
- Supporting RBOs with technical advice in regard to the efficient O&M of water facilities, to

improve IWRM.

- Fostering regional cooperation for improved management of water resources in trans-boundary river basins.

As of December 2007, there are 56 NARBO member organizations.

III. Outline of the 3rd NARBO General Meeting

Background on NARBO General Meetings

NARBO general meetings are held every two years in accordance with the NARBO Charter, form part of a three-day program that starts with a study visit on IWRM issues in the river basin managed by the hosting RBO. The second day features workshops on important IWRM-related topics. The general meeting itself is held on the third day and includes (i) reporting activities and results over the last two years; (ii) presenting and adopting the work plan for the next two years; (iii) selecting the constitutional body for the next two years; and (iv) accepting new members. If amendments to the charter are needed, they are also approved during the meeting.

Meeting Venue and Accommodation for Participants

Details on venue and accommodation to follow.

Participants

Participants shall consist of:

- Up to two representatives, one of which is senior, from existing RBO member organizations
- Staff of member organizations, as approved by the NARBO Secretariat, who will contribute to the workshops on Day 2
- One senior staff representative from the following organizations:
 - Existing non-RBO member organizations
 - Pre-registered member organizations
 - Organizations interested to join NARBO
 - Observers

Observers need endorsement from the NARBO Secretariat. They are allowed to observe and participate in the general meeting, except in the NARBO Charter revision (if there are any) and in the selection of new NARBO constitutional body.

Registration

Participants need to register with the NARBO Secretariat. Please accomplish the registration form in Attachment 1, and send to any of the four aforementioned contact persons.

Tentative Program

The tentative program is in Attachment 2.

- Study visit on IWRM in the Bengawan Solo river basin on 20 Feb (Day 1)
- Workshops on IWRM-related topics on 21 Feb (Day 2)
- NARBO General Meeting on 22 Feb (Day 3)

IV. Feedback on NARBO Activities

A survey will be conducted among member organizations on how well NARBO activities have been undertaken to date -- what are the results and lessons learned, and what priority topics in IWRM are regarded as most important by the member RBOs. Survey forms will be sent to participants before the general meeting, and participants are requested to complete the survey and send it to any of the four contact persons no later than a week before the general meeting.

V. Financial Matters

Member organizations are encouraged to bear their own expense for participation in the meeting, or a part of the costs. The NARBO Secretariat will provide targeted financial support² for NARBO member RBOs and government organizations, subject to available budget. Other member organizations are expected to make their own arrangements to finance the cost of their participation. The NARBO Secretariat's funding is expected to cover the following cost items:

Cost Items Eligible for Support	
Air fare	Round trip restricted economy fare via the most direct and economical route between the international airport of point of origin and (1) Adisucipto International Airport in Yogyakarta or (2) Adisumarmo International Airport in Solo/Surakarta
Accommodation	19-22 February (4 nights); not exceeding \$60/night
Subsistence allowance	US\$ 15 per day (breakfast and lunch will be provided)
Miscellaneous	Lump sum US\$ 40

² NARBO can provide financial support for up to two representatives from RBO member organizations; except for Indonesia and Viet Nam whereby NARBO can provide support to only 1 representative per RBO. Both countries have a relatively higher number of RBO member organizations.

The above cost items will be reimbursed at the venue. Participants are expected to buy their air ticket in advance and inform the NARBO Secretariat of the cost as soon as possible. Reimbursements will be given only upon submission of the following: (i) original copy of the official receipt of ticket purchase; (ii) original copy of boarding pass(es); and (iii) photocopy of the air ticket.